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Title: COMPENSATING POLARIZATION MODE DISPERSION IN FIBER  
OPTIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/505,313, filed February 16, 2000 and under 35 USC § 119(e)(1), claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/243,522, filed October 23, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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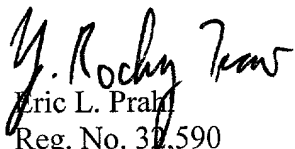
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